

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Dean Bruce, Jon Stantz, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Assistant Chief Rannix Tinsley, Redevelopment Commission President Michael Spinks, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz

Absent: Street Superintendent, Larry Parrish

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

First order of business was to swear in the reserve officers that recently completed their training. The new officers who were sworn in as Reserve Officers for the Town of Spencer were Michael Richardson, Ronnie Gullion, Joseph McHugh, and Chris Hege.

Next, Dean Bruce appointed Michael Spinks to the Board of Directors for Owen County Tourism as per the recommendation of Marilyn Jackson of the Owen County Chamber of Commerce.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gwen Tucker was present to request a \$5,000 annual increase for the 2016 budget. She discussed her budget and the need for additional funds next year.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 annually and \$6,250 each quarter. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported on the progress of establishing the economic development area and the approval of Resolution No. 2015-03, by their board. He also reported that he is looking into the reporting requirements for the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

There was nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish was absent. Richard Lorenz reported that there would be a meeting tomorrow with the Railroad.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on repairs to the plant.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cynthia Hyde reported that the Board position held by Marty Workman expired on July 1st, and he needs to be reappointed. Cynthia confirmed with Marty Workman that he was willing to do this. Dean Bruce appointed Marty Workman to another term.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

The Attorney presented the Tax Abatement Agreement between Brown-Forman Corp. He asked the Board approve the agreement, along with Resolution 2015-06, with the understanding that the legal description will be amended later when he got clarification. He said currently, it includes the entire property, and some of it will not be used, therefore is not included in the abatement.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the agreement, and adopt the resolution, with the stipulation that the correct legal description be inserted later. The motion as stipulated was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer presented 2016 budgets and fund balances at June 30, 2015 to the Board for review. A public meeting will be held prior to the next Town Board Meeting on September 8th, at 6:45 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer